



Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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Claims 1-15: Withdrawn

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Claim 16. [Previously presented] A method for dynamically managing a process through an emergent and inductive approach that anticipates possible conditions and desired actions, comprising:

declaring an objective of said process as a set of measurable goals and constraints;
stating for each objective at least one corresponding and applicable set of rules:

wherein each rule in said set of rules contains both a condition governing that rule's actuation, and that rule's action when said condition is met; and
wherein said set of rules may act in any combination, subject to the limitation that the condition of a particular rule must be met before said particular rule's action may occur;

testing each rule against conditions both internal and external to said process, as such conditions exist in the real world, without specifying the order of testing, unless the order becomes governed by the actuation of at least one rule whose precondition governing its actuation becomes satisfied;

actuating a rule when its condition is met; and,

delegating

the objective as declared in a set of measurable goals and constraints,
the corresponding and applicable set of rules, and,
responsibility for attaining said objective and for testing, actuating, and
further delegating said objective and rules,

to at least one specific actor, wherein each said specific actor